

Public Hearing: HB5691, An Act Concerning Postsecondary Tuition Assistance and Special Need Subsidies for Adopted Children

Date of Hearing: February 24, 2009

Good Afternoon Committee Chairs and Members of the Committee, my name is Jennifer Cammilletti. I reside in the town of Torrington. I am writing to you as a Foster parent in support of House Bill 5691, An Act Concerning Postsecondary Tuition Assistance and Special Need Subsidies for Adopted Children.

As a Foster and prospective Adoptive care provider this would be a huge incentive to me and other Foster care providers for adoption. The passage of this Bill would in turn provide permanency for more children and take them out of the DCF system, saving the state money i.e. staff, resources and support. I believe this Bill is needed to make more providers make the decision to adopt, which can only benefit both the child and our society.

According to a 2007 report from the College Board, the level of education a person acquires is likely to influence almost every facet of a person's life. Of all the ways to increase opportunity, education is the most important. It is also a key driver of employment and income. The higher the education, the less unemployment and higher earnings can be predicted.

In conclusion, this Bill will give children the resources they need to be successful. I would like to thank the Committee Chairs and Members of the Committee for the opportunity to testify. I am available as a resource if you have any further questions after the hearing.

Sincerely,

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